Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty and concern for one's fellow man; and,

Whereas, Judy E. Harder was born in Bismarck, North Dakota, graduated from Bison High School, and attended Huron College. Judy and her husband, the late Elwood Harder, raised a son, Mark, who married Jenni and presented Judy with a granddaughter, Mariah, and Judy now resides in Rapid City, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Judy has given over 26 years of dedicated public service with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), beginning as a county office assistant in Milbank, South Dakota, in October 1976, and advanced through the years to her present position as the Management Control Officer; and,

Whereas, Judy has distinguished herself as a true professional within the USDA Rural Development with her leadership efforts in the management control area, whether it be in conducting a SIR, working on an audit, investigation or whistleblower case, and her facilitation skills when providing training, is inherent in her work; and,

Whereas, Judy has been an effective role model for the USDA Rural Development with her customer service skills and radiates these positive features as identified through her working relationships and coordinated efforts with others to ensure the use of agency resources and programs are delivered to our customers as designed; and,

Whereas, Judy E. Harder has chosen to retire on September 21, 2003, and her family, friends, and colleagues have chosen to recognize and congratulate her on September 19, 2003:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2003, as

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in South Dakota, and I join her colleagues, friends and family as they recognize and congratulate Judy on a successful career, and wish her a long, healthy, and enjoyable retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State